House Resolution No. 1691

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Larry Reeter has attained considerable distinction as a 1958 graduate of Chillicothe High School who subsequently served in the Army National Guard from 1959 to 1968 and who worked at Farmers Electric Cooperative from 1961 until his retirement in 2004 after forty-two years as a lineman and construction supervisor; and

Whereas, Larry Reeter recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was chosen as the Citizen of the Year by the local Elks Lodge; and

Whereas, in 1976 Larry Reeter began portraying Abraham Lincoln at elementary schools in order to give a history of the president's life, talk about his values, and explain how and why he became known as "Honest Abe"; and

Whereas, Larry Reeter joined Calvary Baptist Church in 1961, became a deacon in 1970, received a license to preach in 1979, and was ordained as a minister in 1986, since which time he has served as bivocational pastor of Ludlow Baptist Chapel and assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, provided monthly religious services at the National Guard Armory, coordinated missions trips to Wyoming and South Dakota, and engaged in many lay renewal trips to different states; and

Whereas, Larry Reeter also has served as a camp counselor at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, has ministered to individuals and families who are dealing with hardship or crisis, filled the pulpit for churches that are without a pastor, and held monthly services at the Chillicothe Correctional Center; and

Whereas, Larry Reeter visits persons who are hospitalized, takes individuals to doctor's appointments, and since his retirement has traveled to Saint Louis with his brother for medical care; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Pat Meneely, Larry Reeter is the loving father of Connie Martin and Eric Reeter, the wonderful father-in-law of Jennifer Reeter, and the devoted grandfather of Kylee, Jon, and Colton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Larry Reeter as the local Elks Citizen of the Year and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Larry Reeter of Livingston County, Missouri.

Offered by _

Representative John Quinn District No. 7

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1691, adopted March 29, 2006.